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## Coming up:

- Oct. 1 City Council meeting, 7 p.m., Carnegie Forum.*
- Oct. 8 Planning Commission meeting, 7 p.m., Carnegie Forum to consider Lodi Shopping Center.*
- Oct. 15 City Council meeting, 7 p.m., Carnegie Forum.*
- Oct. 22 Planning Commission meeting, 7 p.m., Carnegie Forum.*

## Adventure camp for LUSD kids on two-week break

Lodi's Parks & Recreation Department's Autumn Adventure Camp still has space available for school children during the upcoming two-week fall break.

Children ages 5 to 17 may participate. Camp activities include organized games, arts and crafts, movies, music and optional field trips.

The field trips will be to the San Francisco Zoo and San Francisco's Steinhart Aquarium.

The camp is being held the weeks of Sept. 29 and Oct. 6, from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, at Legion Park, 835 S. Hutchins St.

The camp costs \$100 per week per child. Field trips are an additional \$45 per trip. The field trip T-shirt costs \$5.

Call **333-6742** for information.

## Power plant open house Oct. 2

**D**etails of a proposed power plant, the Lodi Energy Center, are the subject of an open house from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 2, at Hutchins Street Square.

The Northern California Power Agency, a consortium of municipal utilities including Lodi's, is proposing to build the 280-megawatt plant adjacent to an existing power plant and the City's sewage treatment plant near Interstate 5, south of Highway 12.

Members of NCPA staff will be available to answer questions about the proposed facility, and open



*The proposed Lodi Energy Center would be built adjacent to a current power plant, just west of the City's wastewater treatment plant.*

house visitors will have an opportunity to tour the site by bus.

Earlier this month, NCPA submitted an application to the California Energy Commission seeking certification

for the project, which would generate enough electricity to serve roughly 200,000 homes beginning in April 2012.

*(See Power plant, back page)*



*Some of the 110 volunteers from the Sept. 20 California Coastal Cleanup show the 740 pounds of trash that was collected from in and around Lodi Lake. The haul included 100 pounds of recyclable materials.*

## Nonprofit takes on pool renovation project

**T**he Hutchins Street Square Foundation is beginning a \$250,000 fundraiser to refurbish the nearly 20-year-old swimming pool at the Square.

The pool has been in near-constant use, open six days a

week and 15 hours a day. Its heating system and dehumidifier need replacing, with the pool requiring other general maintenance in order for it to continue providing swimming exercise and physical therapy, mainly to Lodi's seniors.

The campaign begins Oct. 1 and is highlighted by a raffle, in which the winner receives naming rights to the pool and a lifetime pass. The winner will be selected in 2009. For information, call **(209) 366-1222**.

## Lodi chatter: News in bite-sized pieces

More and more City residents are finding **online bill payment** a quick and convenient way to pay their City of Lodi utility bill. Seven customers made payments in the last week of July, when online billpay began. In August, 218 customers paid online (\$68,682.69 in payments), with the number growing to 445 payments (\$128,634.47) in just the first three weeks of September. You can sign up by visiting [www.lodi.gov](http://www.lodi.gov) and clicking on the online bill pay text beneath the "Customer Service" label on the right side of the web page. Payments may be made from a checking or credit card account. ... Butte County's Board of Supervisors sent a certificate of appreciation to the **Lodi Fire Department** for its role in fighting the

Fire Storm and Lightning Complex burn. "You provided valiant and steadfast service that saved many lives and homes," the certificate read. ... Beginning Oct. 3, Lodi residents will be able to recycle their polystyrene foam, commonly known as Styrofoam, at **Dart Container Corp.**, 1400 E. Victor Road. Foam eligible for recycling at Dart Container must have a "6" with the chasing arrows symbol. Food containers must be clean and the foam must be placed in transparent plastic bags with your name or organization and telephone number. ... Between 10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3, and 5 a.m. Monday, Oct. 6, Caltrans will be closing lanes on northbound Highway 99 on the **Mokelumne River bridge** for



*Lodi firefighters participate in a controlled burn of an abandoned home in southeast Lodi on Thursday.*

maintenance work. The northbound Turner Road/Cherokee Lane on-ramp will also be closed during that time. ... Lodi has roughly 10 percent of San Joaquin County's population, but less than 5 percent of home **foreclosures**.

## Police now offering residents emergency preparedness classes

A two-hour class that trains residents how to deal with community-wide emergencies is now available from Lodi's Police Department.

The Neighborhood Emergency Training (NET) program serves as an overview of what residents can do to take care of themselves in an emergency,

such as flooding, flu pandemic or other widespread disaster. The more people know, the better prepared they will be in case of an emergency.

A team of Lodi Police Partners attended a training course and have developed a program that is specific to Lodi, rolling out their first

class on Sept. 18. Additionally, Lodi police officers have provided training for volunteers over recent weeks.

The Lodi Police Department encourages residents to attend the NET training individually at an upcoming meeting, or to schedule a training for a group. For more infor-

mation contact Crime Prevention at (209)333-6863.

The NET presentation has been certified by Department of Homeland Security Office of Grants and Training. For more information, visit the following website: [www.sacramento-region-citizen-council.org/net\\_2.htm](http://www.sacramento-region-citizen-council.org/net_2.htm)

## Power plant

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Natural gas will fuel the power plant, which also will be built with the most advanced electrical generating and environmental protection technologies available, making it among the cleanest generating facilities in the United States. Power plant emissions

will meet California's stringent air quality standards.

The plant will produce electricity in two ways. First, natural gas will directly power a generator that makes electricity. Second, heat from the combustion will be captured and mixed with treated water from the City's wastewater plant to make steam that drives another turbine. The result is electricity generated efficiently with low emissions.

Power generated at the new plant will reach the Northern California electrical grid through existing transmission lines. Natural gas will reach the plant through a new 2.5-mile pipeline that will be constructed along an existing utility corridor.

Once the California Energy Commission decides the NCPA's application is complete, the agency will conduct a technical and environmental

review of the proposed project to determine its feasibility.

The City of Lodi, Modesto Irrigation District and other public entities will receive power produced at the Lodi Energy Center.

NCPA is a not-for-profit agency that represents and provides support for 17 member communities and districts. NCPA currently manages 546 megawatts of power generation resources.